

A meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 5th April 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

- 1 **TO** confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th February 2006

M HAMILTON

- 2 **TO** receive any declarations of interest from Members
- 3 **TO** receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate
- 4 **TO** receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
- 5 **TO** approve recommendations in the following reports considered by the Monitoring Officer as appropriate to be received at this meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (f):
 - (a) The report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on Members Allowances

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- (b) The report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on Amendments to the Constitution

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- 6 **TO** deal with questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11
- 7 **TO** consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations to the Executive Board

A CARTER

- 8 **TO** receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(k)

A CARTER

- 9** **THAT** This Council deplores the Home Secretary's proposals to merge Humberside, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire Police services in order to create a giant regional Police service. We believe this ill thought out and hasty plan will have potentially devastating effects on the quality of ordinary people's lives. We remain concerned about poor accountability, vague governance structures and completely unacceptable financial arrangements which are likely to lead to a 20% increase in the Police precept for at best a stand still service. We therefore instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary expressing our concerns and to write to all Leeds MP's urging them to vigorously oppose these misguided plans.

J L CARTER

- 10** **THAT** this Council deplores the misleading and inaccurate statements made by Labour MP Hazel Blears to the press about the councils efforts to combat Anti Social Behaviour. This Council believes that such statements were a misguided attempt by Ms Blears to damage the reputation of Leeds City Council, when under this administration it has been deemed by the Home Office as a leading example on tackling anti social behaviour.

A CARTER

- 11** **THAT** this Council requests Executive Board to retain Beckett Park Primary School as an essential primary education asset for the area in accordance with the twice resolved resolutions of the North West Inner Area Committee.

B P ATHA

- 12** **THAT**, In the interest of well-being, closing the gap and public health this Council opposes the introduction of a fortnightly collection of black bins in the city.

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- 13** **THAT** This council notes the action being taken by our employees in respect of their pension rights, but considers that their argument is with central government and not with this authority. Council regrets that local government employees are being treated differently from central government civil servants, particularly at a time when MPs have further improved their own pension arrangements.

Noting that the West Yorkshire Pension Fund has indicated that its financial state is robust enough to allow current pension rules to continue unchanged, this Council believes that decisions about the viability of pension schemes should be a matter for individual local authority pension schemes and their constituent local authority members to determine, and that local authority pension arrangements should not be determined by blanket central government diktat.

M HARRIS

- 14 **THAT** this Council deplores consistent government underfunding of the NHS in Yorkshire over the years and its impact on staff, patients and relatives. The Council specifically hopes that this underfunding will not prejudice the Leeds Teaching Hospitals' bid to secure investment as one of the major centres of clinical research in the country.

P HARRAND

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lane Rogers", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Chief Executive

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